(*j*) if such a mahazar has been prepared, whether any action has been taken in accordance with it; if so, the nature of the action taken;

(*k*) if a mahazar has been prepared as mentioned above, the amount of loss found to have been sustained by the Government; and

(*l*) whether they have taken any action on the petition dated 7-1-1113, and if so, what?

MR. P. RAMAN PILLAI (*Ag. Conservator of Forests*): (*a*) Some petitions were received containing allegations about certain illicit fellings in the forests of the Thattakad Section of the Neriamangalam Range.

(*b*) Necessary enquiries have been made and the matter is now under the consideration of Government.

(*c*) Petitions were received on the dates specified but no telegram.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The Divisional Forest Officer inspected the place on 23-2-1113.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) Yes. Ranger Mr. Kunjukutten Raja and the Range Officer, Neriamangalam, inspected the place on the 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 26th Medom 1112.

(*h*) No.

(*i*) Mahazars have been prepared by the officers who inspected the place, but these cannot be placed on the table, the matter being still under consideration.

(*j*) The matter is under consideration.

(*k*) The mahazars prepared do not estimate the loss sustained by Government.

(*l*) An enquiry was ordered on the petition.

Assignment of salt pans in 1112 and 1113.

102. ***MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN**: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statements showing:

(*a*) whether any salt pans have been assigned to any person during the years 1112 and 1113;

(*b*) if so, to whom;

(*c*) whether they are Travancoreans;

(*d*) if not, they are citizens of which place, their names, the number of acres of land assigned and the receipts of the Government under that item;

(*e*) whether there is any amount still to be recovered from any such person; and

(*f*) if so, from whom and what amount?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Ag. Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) Salt pans have not been assigned to any person. But lands have been granted on lease to persons for the construction and working of salt factories during the years 1112 and 1113.

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(*b*) 1. Mr. Gopalan Nair of Aklamon Veedu, Thiruvella.
2. Mr. T. C. Kesava Pillai of Rajakkamangalam.
3. Messrs. The Palkulam Salts Ltd., Trivandrum.

(*c*) The first two persons are Travancoreans. The third is a company incorporated under the Travancore Companies Regulation.

(*d*), (*e*) & (*f*) These questions do not arise in view of the answer to part (*c*).

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): May I know whether those lands are garden lands or tank beds?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Ag. Excise Commissioner*): They are neither garden lands nor tank beds.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum Town*): I wish to know whether the company mentioned here, namely, Messrs Palkulam Salts Ltd., is registered in Travancore; if so, when was it registered?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: The Company was registered here in December 1937.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know the area of the land registered in favour of the company.

PRESIDENT: If the honourable member has not got the information ready he may claim notice and undertake to give the answer on a later occasion.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: The information is not ready Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether the registry of the company or the registry of the land was prior in point of time?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: I claim notice.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know the share capital of the company?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: A hundred thousand rupees divided into 100 shares of 1000 rupees each.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether Government have any idea of the share capital collected?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: No.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Sir, I wish to know the proportion of the share capital that belongs to Travancoreans and non-Travancoreans?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: It is laid in the Articles of Association that at least 45 per cent. of the shares should be given to Travancoreans.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know what the real proportion now is?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: I am not in possession of the figures?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether there is any rule in the registry of salt pans that Travancoreans should alone be given such registry?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: I don't think there is any such rule.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether there is any rule that Travancoreans should be given preference?

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MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Yes. I think so.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Is it given effect to in this case? If so, may I know how?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: This is a company registered in Travancore.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know how this company becomes Travancorean for all purposes?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Sir, most shareholders are Travancoreans.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Am I then to understand that in this company most of the shareholders are Travancoreans?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Can the honourable member give me the number of shareholders that are Travancoreans?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: The information is not available.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Then on what basis is this statement made?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: I cannot give the information now.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Is there any prospects of Travancoreans who are prepared to get salt beds, getting them?

PRESIDENT: Will the honourable member say whether any special conditions are given in the case of this company?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: There are some special reasons. The company has undertaken to give Government ten per cent. of the net profits of the company.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Was it ascertained whether Travancoreans were willing to take up the lands on this condition?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: I am not sure.

MR. P. K. KUNJU: ഈ കമ്പനിയുടെ മാനേജിംഗ് ഡയറക്ടർ ആരാണ്?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: മി. അഴകണ്ണൻ ചെട്ടിയാരാണ്.

MR. K. T. THOMAS (*Thiruvella*): May I know the extent of the land registered to this company?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: 20·83 acres.

MR. P. K. KUNJU: മി. അഴകണ്ണൻ ചെട്ടിയാർ തിരുവിതാംകൂറുകാരനാണോ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: തിരുവിതാംകൂറുകാരൻ എന്ന ചോദിച്ചതു എനിക്കുദ്ദേശിച്ചാണെന്നു മനസിലാകുന്നില്ല.

MR. P. K. KUNJU: അദ്ദേഹം തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ പ്രജയാണോ എന്നാണ് ഞാൻ ചോദിച്ചതു.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: He has got cardamom estates in Travancore.

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PRESIDENT: Is the honourable member in a position to say that he is a domiciled subject of Travancore.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Yes, Sir.

MR. P. K. KUNJU: ഉത്തരം പറഞ്ഞതല്ലാതെ എന്താണെന്നു കേട്ടില്ല.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: He has applied for domicile as a Travancore subject.

MR. P. K. KUNJU: When ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: I don't remember.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. Is the honourable member, the member for the Excise Department in a position to say that in 1936 there was a formal petition put in by him to Government for being treated as a domiciled subject.

I think regarding the principle of this question and as it runs on an important question of policy, we will have to make one or two points clear. There are certain number of people who have properties and who have lived here for thirty or forty years. A large number of them have put in applications for being treated as domiciled Travancoreans subject to giving up their position as British subjects. The question whether Travancore is entitled to enable them to give up their British allegiance and take up Travancorean subject-hood is under consideration in the course of the Federal discussion. A large number of people are willing to give away their British subject-hood and make themselves domiciled Travancore subjects. This is the exact legal position at this moment.

MR. P. K. KUNJU: രജിസ്റ്റർ ചെയ്തതിനു ശേഷമാണോ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളത്?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: അതു ഇപ്പോൾ ഓർമ്മയില്ല.

MR. P. K. KUNJU: ഈ സ്ഥലം പതിച്ചു കൊടുക്കാൻ പാടില്ലെന്നുള്ള ഉത്തരവും ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Vaikom cum Kottayam*: ഈ രജിസ്ട്രിയെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് അയൽപക്കത്തുള്ള വസ്തു ഉടമസ്ഥന്മാർ സർക്കാരിനെ പ്രതിയാക്കി കേസു കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

Grant-in-aid to Ezhava women who have passed the Vaidyakalanidhi Examination.

103. ***MR. K. R. NARAYANAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of women in the Ezhava community who have passed the Vaidyakalanidhi Examination; and

(*b*) the number of women from the Ezhava community who had applied for grants when grants were given to Vaidyasalas during 1112?

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